

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

TENNESSEE RIVERKEEPER, INC.,      )  
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PLAINTIFF,                         )  
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v.                                     )      Case No. 3:23-cv-01369  
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CITY OF LEBANON, TENNESSEE,      )      JURY TRIAL DEMANDED  
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Defendant,                         )  
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**JOINT MOTION TO STAY PENDING MEDIATION**

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Defendant, City of Lebanon, Tennessee, and Plaintiff, Tennessee Riverkeeper, Inc. (collectively, the “Parties”), jointly move this Court for an order staying this action for 90 days pending mediation of Plaintiff’s claims. As grounds for this motion, the Parties state as follows:

1.       The Parties are engaged in settlement discussions and have agreed to mediate the case.
2.       The Parties are presently working to schedule mediation and are optimistic that they will be able to conduct a mediation within the next 90 days.
3.       Federal district courts have “broad discretion to stay proceedings as an incident to [their] power to control [their] own docket[s],” *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 708 (1997), and routinely stay actions pending mediation. *See, e.g., Yoe v. Crescent Sock Co.*, No. 1:15-CV-3-SKL, 2018 WL 10162238, at \*14 (E.D. Tenn. Sept. 7, 2018).
4.       A stay is appropriate here because it will promote judicial economy and efficiency by allowing the Parties to devote time and resources to potentially resolving this action through

mediation. And a successful mediation would, in turn, save the Parties and the Court the further time and expense of litigating this matter.

5. No party will be prejudiced by a stay; the Parties have jointly agreed to this relief, and this case is in its early stages.

6. The Parties will file a notice within five days of the conclusion of mediation or the expiration of the 90-day stay, whichever is sooner, to notify this Court of the status of their efforts to resolve the case. If mediation was unsuccessful, the Parties' notice will include a proposed revised case management order.

7. Accordingly, to conserve judicial resources and to focus the Parties' efforts on a resolution of this litigation, the Parties jointly pray for a stay of proceedings for 90 days and for such other relief to which they may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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